

American Recovery & Reinvestment 2009 Asheville, North Carolina Community Portfolio

Community Project Proposal Guidelines

This form is intended for use for proposing a community project that meets the intent and guidelines set forth in the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009. Complete text of the act is available at http://www.rules.house.gov/111/LegText/111_hr1_text.pdf. Information must be limited to the two pages included in this form.

Proposals may be submitted by:

- E-mail to economicrecovery@ashevillenc.gov;
- Fax to (828) 259-5499, or;
- Mail to P.O. Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802, ATTN: Economic Recovery

If you require any assistance in preparing a project proposal or have questions about the process, please e-mail economicrecovery@ashevillenc.gov.

In the interest of government transparency and public participation, all submitted information will be made available to the community. Please do not submit information considered to be confidential or proprietary. Submitted proposals will be posted at www.ashevillenc.gov/economicrecovery for public review.

Contact Information

Proposing Agency or Organization

Organization Name:

The Housing Authority of the City of Asheville

Project Name:

Maintenance and Modernization Apprenticeship Program

Contact Details

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Project Information

1. Project Description

Please include a brief project description.

The program will provide educational training, on the job training, and work experience for residents and current maintenance personnel. Current maintenance personnel will enhance their employability skills and become better skilled at performing tasks such as plumbing, electrical work, and carpentry. Residents will learn these skills to enhance their employability and be better able to take advantage of opportunities to work in the construction field as it expands under the Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These skills are also necessary to gain employment in the expanding "Green Jobs" field. Residents will be recruited from the ranks of the under employed and unemployed young people who often resort to selling drugs or committing petty crimes. We will also seek to train those who have been shut out of employment because of previous encounters with the criminal justice system. Group counseling, support groups, and case management will be provided to facilitate the successful transition to full employment.

2. Project Purpose

Please describe the project's public purpose and benefit.

The project will decrease the dependency of public housing residents on public funded programs such as food stamps, medicaid, and welfare programs. It will also help to reduce crime and keep our residents out of prison. The program will also provide long term employment skills and help to instill behavior patterns that will make them productive, contributing members of the community. The project will also provide better maintenance services for public housing residents. This will also save the housing authority money that would go to outside contractors.

3. Project Cost

Include the total project cost

\$250,000.

4. Job Creation

Estimated number of jobs created by project.

250

5. Project Schedule

Include start and finish dates for the project.

June 1, 2009 thru May 31, 2012

5a. Project Schedule

Can the project be contracted and commenced within 120 days? Please indicate yes or no.

YES!

6. Goal Alignment

Briefly describe how the project will achieve the goals of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

To preserve and create jobs and aid in economic recovery

By providing training, support, and work experience, the program will help residents gain skills to help their families recover economically from poverty.

By providing training and work experience for the maintenance staff, the program will preserve jobs because of the skills learned to enhance employability.